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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Large crop areas are irrigated, for instance by pivot irrigation, by being sprayed with water into which a substantially stable dispersion in a liquid of water soluble polymer particles has been metered at a predetermined low rate.

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PATENT NO. : 6,000,625
DATED : DECEMBER 14, 1999
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 6, line 5 should read:

-- 1. A method of irrigating a crop area of at least 1000 m² --.



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